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DEVICE WITH THE GRADIENT COIL SYSTEM"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,570,021
AB United States Patent No. 6,531,870
AC United States Patent No. 6,107,799
AD United States Patent No. 5,414,368
AL European Application 0 362 931
AM PCT Application WO 97/35214
AN German OS 197 22 211

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references, or their respective German counterparts, were cited in Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German counterpart application.

Additionally, the German counterpart to Reference AB (OS 101 56 770) and the German counterpart to Reference AC (OS 197 22 481), and Reference AM, were identified and discussed in the present specification, and Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

For the references in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. English translations of References AL and AN are not readily available to the Applicant, however, in addition to the aforementioned statements in the specification regarding those references, an English language Abstract is attached to each.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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	AB	6,531,870	03/11/2003	Heid et al.			
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